

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device, particularly an electroluminescent display device (1), comprising two or more parts (2, 7) which define a cavity (8) for accommodating one ~~one or more components, such as~~ one or more electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5), and which are sealed together by means of a thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11) of the two or more parts (2, 7), characterized in that at least one channel (10) is provided in said interface (11) wherein the channel (10) is open to the cavity (8).

Claim 2 (original): A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a reservoir for the adhesive (6) is present at one or both ends of the channel(s) (10).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A device as claimed in Claim 2, wherein a capillary reservoir (12) is located at the end of the channel(s) (10) that is (are) ~~farthest remote from said cavity (8)~~, i.e. outside the cavity (8).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein one of the parts (2, 7'') has a substantially polygonal, e.g. ~~rectangular~~, interface (11) with the channel(s) (10) being located in one (or more) of the corners of the polygonal interface (11).

Claim 5 (currently amended): A device as claimed in Claim 1, which device comprises a substantially flat substrate (2) on which ~~an~~ the electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5) is deposited and a pre-formed cover (7") of a sheet material, which is shaped to define part of the cavity (8), the channel(s) (10) and, optionally, the reservoir(s).

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a device, particularly an electroluminescent display device (1), comprising two or more parts (2, 7), the method at least comprising the steps of applying a thermosetting adhesive (6) to the interface (11) of at least one of the parts (2, 7), bringing the parts (2, 7) together and thus forming a cavity (8) (for) accommodating one ore more components, such as an electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5), and heating the device so as to cure the thermosetting adhesive (6), characterized in that, after bringing the parts (2, 7'') together, at least one channel (10) is present in the interface (11) of these parts (2, 7), and in that the amount of adhesive (6) in the channel (10) and/or in the cavity (8) near the channel (10) is such that the increase of pressure resulting from the said heating is at least partially relieved by displacement of the adhesive (6) in the channel(s) (10).

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the adhesive (6) flowing out of the channel (10) is captured by at least one reservoir (12) outside said cavity (8).

Claim 8 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the channel (10) provides a pressure relief for the thermosetting adhesive (6) during manufacturing of the device.

Claim 9 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the channel (10) allows the thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11) to flow in to the channel (10) in response to pressure from the cavity (8) during manufacturing of the device.

Claim 10 (new): An electroluminescent display device (1) comprising:

a plurality of parts (2, 7) joined together at an interface (11) and sealed together with a thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11);

a cavity (8) defined inside the parts (2, 7);

at least one electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5) within the cavity (8), and

at least one channel (10) provided at the interface (11) that allows pressure inside the cavity (8) to escape into the channel during manufacturing of the device .

Claim 11 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein a reservoir for the adhesive (6) is present in at least one end of the channel (10).

Claim 12 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein a capillary reservoir (12) is located at the end of the channel (10) outside the cavity (8).

Claim 13 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein at least one of the parts (2, 7'') has a substantially polygonal interface (11) with the channel (10) being located in at least one corner of the polygonal interface (11).

Claim14 (new) : A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein one of the parts comprises a substantially flat substrate (2) having the electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5) deposited and a pre-formed cover (7") of a sheet material, which is shaped to define part of the cavity (8).

Claim15 (new) : A device as claimed in Claim 10 wherein the channel (10) is formed in one of the parts (2, 7).

Claim16 (new) : A device as claimed in Claim 10 wherein the channel (10) allows pressure inside the cavity (8) to force a portion of the thermosetting adhesive (6) into the channel (10) during heating that occurs in manufacturing process of the device.

Claim17 (new) : A device as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the channel (10) allows pressure inside the cavity (8) will force a portion of the thermosetting adhesive (6) into the channel (10) during heating that occurs in manufacturing process of the device for a predetermined range of viscosities of the thermosetting adhesive (6).

Claim18 (new) : A device as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the channel (10) becomes sealed by the portion of the thermosetting adhesive (6) forced into the channel (10) during heating that occurs in manufacturing process of the device.

Claim 19 (new) : A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the channel (10) provides a pressure relief for the thermosetting adhesive (6) during manufacturing of the device.

Claim 20 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the channel (10) allows the thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11) to flow in to the channel (10) in response to pressure from the cavity (8) during manufacturing of the device.